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Couſin and good Brother,

THOUGH we are not unacquainted with the *Ceremonial* of *Princes*, and the indiſpenſable Forms to be obſerved between them, and though we have received no Congratulations on your Part, ſince our firſt Landing in our good City of *Dublin* (which we might have expected from a near Ally and good Brother) yet, ſetting aſide all *Motives of Expoſition*, we proceed to make known our Diſcontents at the *ſecret Practices* have been uſed againſt our

Dignity, and the open Violations have been offer'd to our Perſon.

We were not ſo unmindful of the *high Station* to which our own Right, and the good Will of our loving Subjects of *Dublin*, had raiſed us, as by any Neglect on our Part, of ſhewing them all the Countenance could be expected from us, to merit the Diſgrace we have lately fallen under. To be depoſed, as we have been, tried and condemned, by our own Subjects, to *Impriſonment*, where we are like to remain, till the new-invented Court, by which we were *depoſed*, ſhall agree to ſet us up again.

The Inſtability of Greatneſs has ever been the Subject of wiſe Men's Reflections and School-Boys Themes; but as it rarely happens to be the Fate of Princes to converſe with either, we are but little warned by their lively Hints of ſober Admonitions; and, for our own Part, being conſcious of no wrong Step we had ever taken, had the leſs Reaſon to apprehend a *Fall*.

We did [illegible] of our Predeceſſors) miſtake the [illegible] *the Strength of a Scepter*, or lay

lay it heavy on the Backs of our People. We and *all our Family*, though we *hold it ſteadily*, have uſed it only as a Feather in our Hands to bruſh or terrify away the Inſects that infeſted our Subjects, and were rather ridiculous in their Attempts than troubleſome or dangerous to *ourſelf*. We inclined it neither to the *right* or the *left*, but held it in the *Manner* our good Subjects deſired, when they firſt put it in our *Hand*.

As we therefore cannot avoid concluding that our Government has been gentle; ſo, on the other Hand, our good Subjects of *Dublin* (with whoſe often tried Fidelity we are content) have given us no Room to ſuſpect that any conſiderable Body of them ſhould join in a Conſpiracy againſt us; nor were we apprehenſive of the evil Deſigns of any particular Perſons, till ſome ill-looking People came often to ſtare us in the Face, and preſs too near upon our Perſon; and, forgetful of the Diſtance they owed us, laid violent Hands on us, and we perceived too late their Malice to reſiſt their Attempt.

We learn'd by a nearer Communication with our Subjects, in the Interval from *depoſing* [illegible] *impriſoning*

impriſoning us, that ſecret Miſchiefs had been long brewing againſt us; and, to our great Aſtoniſhment, that the very Perſons we had *raiſed* and *truſted*, were the firſt to *ſet up an Intereſt diſtinct from ours*, to project *our Fall*, and make *our Ruin* ſerve as a Foundation upon which to *build* their future Fortunes. That they had uſed every Artifice and ſpecious Pretence to withdraw from us the Affections of our loving *Subjects*, to inſtil Jealouſies of *our ſelf*, and create an Averſion in them to the *very ground* we *ſtood on*; intimating we were dangerous to their very Lives, and that they could not approach *our Perſon*, without manifeſtly incurring the demolition of their *own*. Inſomuch that we found ourſelves deſerted by all, who, at any Time before, had appeared in *our Preſence*, and ſaw none about us but ſuch whoſe Faces we could not like, and whoſe Language we little underſtood.

We, at the ſame time, learn'd, to our inexpreſſible Grief, that the ſame Perſons were encouraged (though I will not intimate by our good Brother) by ſome *reſiding* about our *Brother's Perſon*, to make this *Revolution* in favour of *his Subjects*, and for ſtrengthening *their Intereſt*

tereſt by weakening *ours*, which, we apprehend, muſt be bad Policy, as (though we were laſt in Poſſeſſion of our Territories) we are firſt in *Diſtinction*, and by the *Induſtry* and Number of our Subjects may claim the *Precedence*; and, by taking *his* to our Alliance, may be able to protect them *jointly* in their Intereſts, inſtead of *dividing* and *weakning* both, as purſuing *ſeparate* Courſes, and taking *new Meaſures*, muſt occaſion.

It is not becoming one, of our Rank and Station, to caſt Reflections on particular Perſons, or ſpeak diſreſpectfully of the *Subjects* belonging to another *Territory*; but the Indignity we have ſuffered will juſtify our departing from eſtabliſhed Rules, and leave us at Liberty to ſay, that our *good Brother's Subjects* are, by no Means, to be compared with ours, or their *Intereſts* held in equal Eſtimation. Ours are ſober, having the Fear of God before them, (I mean ſuch as have not been debauched by our good Brother's, to whom we impute our late Diſaſter) induſtrious in their Callings, careful of their Wives and Children, parſimonious in their Diet and Apparel,

parel, and are daily encreaſing the Wealth and Strength of our City. Our *Brother*'s, (for the Loſers may have Leave to ſpeak) we ſay with Regret, are idle and debauched, intemperate in every Thing, addicted to gaming, ſquandring, tipling, ſwearing (which Trick they have taught our Subjects) drumming, daneing, fidling, dreſſing, Sabbath-breaking, Plays and Paſtimes, Revels and Fire-works, new-fangled Inventions, and new-fangled Languages, foreign *Commodities*, Gadders abroad, deſpiſing every home-felt Joy, leaving Children and Wives unnatured and unfed —it would tire us to proceed in the Catalogue of their Enormities, which render them equally contemptible in our Eyes, and uſeleſs to our *Brother*'s Eſtate, as well as bad Neighbours, and bad Examples, to our own.

We muſt farther obſerve, (ſince we are now deſcended from our wonted Dignity) that our *good Brother*'s Subjects are greatly in Debt with *ours*; that they have no Bowels in that Point, and claim an Exemption from juſt Demands, becauſe hey are within the *Verge of his Court*; and, ſetting aſide all Shame, roll paſt the Doors of our injured Subjects, in a Manner inſulting them with

with an Oſtentation of the Depredations they have made on them, and ſhining in the Ornaments they have not bought, but borrowed. And though we ſcorn to with-hold, from *his* Subjects, any Debts *ourſelf* had engaged to make good to them, by way of Reprizals in Favour of our *own*; yet (as Fortune ſhall favour our Reeſtabliſhment) we intend to make it lawful for *our Subjects* to with-hold all Debts contracted by Play with the Subjects of our *good Brother*, and, at the ſame Time, to exact *by Arms* any Monies ſhall, *by like Induſtry*, become due to *them*; in which Conteſt, we make no Doubt, *ours* will have the juſt Advantage.

We are unwilling any longer to hold this undignify'd Language, or interfere with the Manners of a People not our own, and no other Way concerning us than as they hurt our Subjects, and proceed to offer ſome Terms to our good *Brother* for his *own Security*, and our *ſpeedy Reſtoration*, not doubting his chearful Concurrence in promoting any Thing for our mutual Advantage.

Our *Brother* cannot eaſily forget, that Attempts formerly have been made to wreſt the *Scepter* from his *own Hand*, and, for that Reaſon, ſhould be ſtill jealous of like Attempts being made on *us*, whatever ſpecious Arguments may be uſed of ſtrengthening *his Hands* by weakening ours. And as we have, Time out of Mind, been a *maritime Power*, we may be juſtly jealous of ſome Deſign of intercepting us, not only in our immemorial *Right*, but in our very Paſſage to, and Communication with, the *Sea*. We found our Paſſage open on our *Arrival*, and will never ſubmit to the Indignity of having it ſhut againſt us by our *Brother*, who never made any Figure on *that Element*, nor is, indeed, within Sight of it; and, inſtead of having a Fleet in any of his *pitiful Ports*, has not one Ship we ever heard of, to hoiſt his *Flag on*, or can boaſt of any more than a rotten *Ferry-boat*. And we farther ſubmit to our *good Brother*'s Conſideration, if ſo unlikely an Attempt ſhould ſucceed, and he barred us in our lawful Paſſage, where it will be poſſible for him to get *Sea-Officers*, either of *higher* or *lower* Rank, as we are determined none of ours ſhall enter in his Service; chuſing rather to give them *honourable Penſions*, and let them remain *idle* to the End of their Lives, than ſuffer them

them to be aiding to one, we (in ſuch Caſe) muſt look upon as an Enemy. And ſhould he take into his Service Perſons unacquainted with *the Channel*, or borrow them from the *inland Navigation*, (who are altogether out of Practice) it were to render himſelf contemptible to every *petty State*, and to loſe all Advantages at Home.

But we have better Hopes from our *good Brother*'s known Equity, and are willing to come to a mutual *Guarantee*, and favour his juſt *Rights*, as ſoon as we ſhall be peaceably reſtored to our *own*. And as we are told the Charge and Expence of *reſtoring us* will be conſiderable, and the *Ways* and *Means* for raiſing a Supply not very obvious to the *high Court* which *depoſed* us, or any Way yet thought of, agreeable either to our *Subjects* or *his*, we ſhall offer one which cannot be excepted to by *either*, with any Colour of Reaſon; or, if it is, we can ſee no likely Method of effecting a Releaſe from our *Confinement*, but one like that now on Foot in Behalf of our *Brother* of *Corſica*, of which we have no Opinion, as the Fund is always embezled by Managers, Treaſurers, and *Door-keepers*.

ARTICLE I. It is agreed, and mutually *guarantied*, by *us*, and our *Brother* of *College-green*, in Behalf and Defence of our reſpective Subjects, and our Advancement to the ſame Station from which we have been caſt down, that all Bills of Coſt due to *Attorneys* and Proctors in any of our *Courts*, either eccleſiaſtical, or temporal, ſhall be paid in to Treaſurers appointed by us to receive the ſame, the *Receipts* of which *Treaſurers* ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge, they allowing Fifty *per Cent.* Diſcount, to any of our *loving Subjects* who make prompt Payment; which Remainder, although exorbitant, and ſomewhat an Overcharge on the *Clients*, they will readily conſent to in ſuch a Caſe of Emergency.

ARTICLE II. All Bills exhibited by *Taylors*, and Apothecaries, ſhall be taxed at *Diſcretion* by our Officers appointed for that Purpoſe, and the *taxed Overplus* paid in to them, not allowing leſs than one Shilling *per* Pound *Sterling* to every reſpective *Apothecary* to indemnify him for the firſt Coſt of *Drugs*, *Crucibles*, *Gally-pots*,

Gally-pots, and *Glister-pipes*. *Taylors* may be taxed the *whole*, who work in *Lace*, or flowered Velvets, as they take Care to indemnify themſelves, without truſting to the precarious Payment of their Cuſtomers.

ARTICLE III. All *Miniſters Money*, collectable by *Church-Wardens* at the four *Quarterly Feaſts*, ſhall be paid in without Defalcation; burying Money, and all *Kinds of ſmall Dues* only, remaining to the *Rectors* and *Curates*, which they may *ſue for*, and recover (if they can) by Vertue of the late *Act* made and provided againſt that Purpoſe. And to indemnify ſaid *Rectors* and *Curates*, they ſhall be diſcharged, during ſuch Stoppages, from the Drudgery they now undergo, of inſtructing Children, admoniſhing Parents, and all Sorts of Preaching and Praying, and be at Liberty to let their Congregations run *Pagan* for the Space of one Year, by which Time, it is poſſible, ſome Religion or other may be agreed on, and to which they will have the Merit of converting their Flock.

ARTICLE IV. All Wages due, or to become due, by the Space of one Year, to the

Gentlewomen

Gentlewomen or *Abigails* of Ladies of *Quality*, or to the *Gentlemen* Servants of *Peers*, (for what can be more abſurd than a *Gentleman's Gentleman?*) ſhall be paid as above; and the reſpective *Gentlemen*, or *Gentlewomen*, be at Liberty to follow their *Vocations* at large. Carry *Letters*, write *Tragedies*, procure Abortions, engage Meetings, propagate Lies from Houſe to Houſe, ridicule their Maſters, and ſcandalize their *Ladies*, with the other Amuſements incident to full Feeding, idle Time, and profligate Principles; without which they would rather ſtarve, than undertake ſuch Offices.

If our *good Brother* thinks well of theſe Articles of Agreement and mutual *Defence* and *Offence*, we are ready to appoint Mr. *Benjamin Keen*, on our Part, to *ratify* for us; and ſhall accept, on the Part of our *good Brother*, any *Commiſſioner* not engaged in ſetling the Limits of *Nova Scotia*, or *procuring Satisfaction* for the Loan of *Sileſia*, whom we need nor look after, as it little concerns us. So we remain,

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Couſin and good Brother,

Your good Brother.